Investment of PF amount in shares

2834. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invested provident fund in shares, by relaxing the norms for superannuation and gratuity funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to take the risk in case of any losses suffered and pay the legitimate share to the employees;

(d) if so, the details worked out so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. The Employees Provident Fund Organisation has not made any investment in equities.

(b) to (e) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Transferring labour to the state list

2835. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to transfer Labour from the Concurrent List to the State List;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many State Government had demanded to make labour a State subject; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Labour and Employment has neither any proposal of its own nor have received any proposal from the States?Union Territories for transfer of subject relating to labour from the Concurrent List to the State List.

Non-Payment of salary by sick PSUs

2836. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of sick Public Sector undertakings in the country, State-wise and sector-wise;

(b) whether a number of such sick PSUs have not been paying salary for years to their employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures the Centre has taken or propose to take in such cases to provide relief to the employees, giving the details of measures taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The total number of sick Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and State Public Sector Undertakings, registered with the Board of industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), was 91 and 122 respectively, as on 30.4.2006. The list of number of sick CPSUs and State PSUs, state-wise and sector-wise, is enclosed at Statements-'I' and 'II' respectively. (*See below*)

(b) to (d) CPSUs are expected to pay wages/salaries to their employees regularly out of their own resources. Government provides non-plan assistance to such CPSUs whose financial position is weak, on a case-to-case basis, to supplement their efforts for payment of wages/ salary and statutory dues. During 2004-05 and 2005-06 Government sanctioned Rs. 1804.21 crore for salary/wages and statutory dues to a number of CPSUs.

Statement-I

State-wise Number of Sick CPSUs and State PSUs Registered with BIFR, as on 30.4.2006

Sl. No.	States/UTs	CPSUs	State PSUs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	9
2.	Assam	1	4
3.	Bihar	3	3
4.	Goa	-	2
5.	Gujarat	1	3
6.	Haryana	1	1
7.	Himachal Pradesh	-	1

Sl. No.	States/UTs	CPSUs	State PSUs
8.	Jharkhand	8	-
9.	Karnataka	7	11
10.	Kerala	-	29
11.	Madhya Pradesh	4	1
12.	Maharashtra	10	14
13.	Manipur	1	-
14.	Meghalaya	-	1
15.	Nagaland	1	-
16.	Orissa	1	7
17.	Punjab	-	6
18.	Rajasthan	2	1
19.	Tamil Nadu	2	7
20.	Tripura	1	1
21.	Uttar Pradesh	13	20
22.	Uttaranchal	-	1
23.	West Bengal	27	-
24.	Delhi	4	-
	GRAND TOTAL:	91	122

Source: BIFR

Statement-II

Sectorwise number of Sick CPSUs and State PSUs Registered with BIFR, as on 30-4-2006

Sl.No.	Industry	CPSUs	State PSUs
1.	Metallurgical	8	9
2.	Fuels	3	1
3.	Boilers and Steam Generating Plants	1	-
4.	Electrical Equipments	3	18
5.	Telecommunications	3	1
6.	Transportation	4	3
7.	Industrial Machinery	3	1
8.	Agricultural Machinery	-	1

Sl. No.	Industry	CPSUs	State PSUs
9.	Machine Tools	2	-
10.	Misc. Mechanical & Engineering	1	-
11.	Medical and Surgical Appliances	1	-
12.	Industrial Instruments	1	-
13.	Fertilizers	2	-
14.	Chemicals	5	8
15.	Photographic Raw Film and Paper	1	-
16.	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	8	2
17.	Textiles	15	31
18.	Paper and Pulp	2	1
19.	Sugar	1	10
20.	Vegetable Oils and Vanaspati	1	2
21.	Leather, Leather Goods and Pickers	1	-
22.	Glass	1	1
23.	Cement and Gypsum Products	1	2
24.	Miscellaneous	15	17
25.	Jute	1	1
26.	Cement	1	2
27.	Engineering	6	2
28.	Electronics	-	4
29.	Food Processing	-	1
30.	Soap, Cosmetics & Toilet Preparations	-	1
31.	Rubber Goods	-	1
32.	Ceramics	-	1
33.	Timber Products	-	1
	GRAND TOTAL:	91	122